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**LUCKS CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Luck, 2243 W. 243rd street, was celebrated last Saturday when their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel C. Luck, 24661 Moon st., entertained them at a dinner party.

Late fall flowers were used for decorations and places marked for Messrs. and Mmes. B. Gordon, A. Huggins, G. Fresenius, J. Nielson, H. Applin, J. Walker, E. Hunt, the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Luck and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Luck.

Following the dinner, music and dancing were enjoyed with the following musicians in charge: B. Gordon, Ken Jordan, Harry Higgins, Roy Farquhar and Rex Duplessi.

Mr. Luck and Nora Magruder (Mrs. Luck) were married in Missouri Dec. 9, 1897, and came to California 10 years later to settle in San Pedro. In 1910 Lomita, with less than 100 residents, had a bright out-

**Librarians Explain Set-Up To Rotarians**

History and sightings on the Torrance City library were learned by members of Rotary Club at their regular meeting Thursday.

When the library was opened in 1913, it served the small community of Torrance with only 300 books, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian, told the Rotarians.

After affiliation with the Los Angeles County library, the Torrance branch steadily progressed in size until in 1935 the present building was built and Torrance went on a partnership basis with the County library.

"Nevertheless, Torrance sets and raises its own library taxes," Mrs. Jamieson emphasized.

She introduced John D. Henderson, county librarian, who told the group that Los Angeles County has the largest county library in the United States, serving 283 agencies, including 22 municipalities such as Torrance.

Through the County library, Torrance has access to a large store of books and is enabled to buy books at a much lower wholesale rate than it would as an unattached organization, Mrs. Jamieson said.

The California State library also may be drawn upon for research material and highly technical works, the librarian explained.

**SANTA WANTS KIDS TO FILL THAT MAILBAG**

Santa Claus dropped in on the Torrance Herald office the other day to pick up his Christmas mail. The old fellow looked as chipper as ever, but a slight droop could be detected in his shaggy white beard when he found only two letters in the mailbag.

"Business just isn't good this year," he said sadly. "Why, I'm beginning to think that folks are forgetting me. Here are only two letters from my list of good little girls and boys! What's happened to Tommy and Mary and Betty and Jimmy, and all the other little friends who want me to come down their chimneys Christmas Eve?"

But Santa never stays gloomy for long.

"O ho ho!" he shouted, and his tummy shook like a bowlful of jelly. "Maybe they forgot that they have to write me care of 'The Torrance Herald. You remind them for me that this is the last week before Christmas!"

Here are the letters that Mr. Claus found in the bottom of his mailbag, just as they were written:

"Dear Santa Claus: I want spurs, and gloves, and a football, and a wind-up boat, and a bike. And that is all today." Signed, David Sanders, 1545 W. 215th street.

"Dear Santa Claus, Am writing this letter and I want you to bring me a choo choo train, a service station, airplane, tricycle, pop gun, drum, 2 guns, sharp outfit, honeymoon flyer, steam roller, a pair of slippers, ride 'em dump truck, station wagon, bow and arrow set. Thanking you very much, Santa." Signed, Dickie Darrow.

The next time Santa called he did a little better and found the following letters waiting for him:

"Dear Santa, I want a doll, bicycle, dollhouse, play house, cow-girl suit, new cap and a new dress. Love," signed, Charlene.

"Dear Santa, I would like a belt, cap gun, poney, electric train." signed, Donnie.

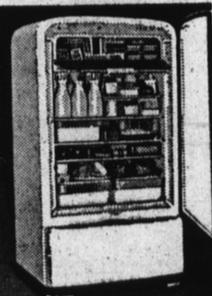
**Pupils Build Toy Castle**

A miniature castle, built and furnished by students in the sixth grade at Fern ave. school under the direction of Melvin R. Osborne, will be on display in the lower hall of the school until Friday Dec. 19.

The sixth graders decided to build the castle for Santa Claus to take the place of the conventional Christmas tree, after taking an imaginary flight to the North Pole in connection with their Aviation Unit in Social Studies.

The castle, gleaming with artificial snow, has "stained glass" windows, medieval battlements and lighted fireplaces. A modern Santa Claus stands outside with his reindeer and airplane.

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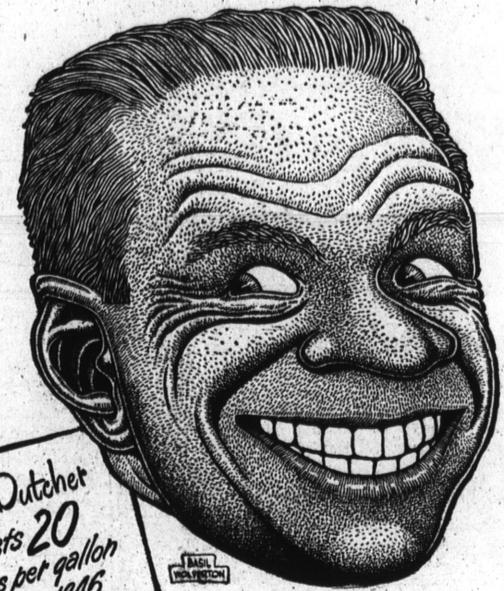
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